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SUBJECT: W/W: PROTECTION OF PROPERTY - SEIZURE OF VESSEL OWNED
BY WOLFKILL FEED AND FERTILIZER CORPORATION

REF: ATHENS 4195 RE ROBERT PAUL OSBORNE
STATE 2683140 RE GEORGE CONDARAS

1. PLEASE PASS TO SENATOR HENRY JACKSON'S OFFICE, 802
UNITED STATES COURT HOUSE, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, RE HIS
LETTER OF JUNE 6, 1975 AND ENCLOSURES CONCERNING
SEIZURE OF VESSEL IN GREECE BELONGING TO WOLFKILL FEED
AND FERTILIZER CORPORATION, MONROE, WASHINGTON.

2. EMBASSY DISCUSSED PROBLEM WITH ROBERT OSBORNE, THE
CORPORATION'S REPRESENTATIVE IN ATHENS ON MAY 27.
HOWEVER, AS THE VESSEL MARY-ANN, FORMERLY PANAGHIA-M,
IS OF GREEK REGISTRY, OSBORNE INFORMED THAT THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT IS UNABLE TO OFFER PROTECTION OR OTHER
ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN FLAG VESSELS, AS DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTED
EMBASSY IN STATE REFTEL IN SIMILAR CASE.

3. AT HIS REQUEST, OSBORNE GIVEN COPY OF EMBASSY'S LAWYERS LIST.

4. FYI: OSBORNE VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION THAT VESSEL IS 51
PERCENT GREEK-OWNED IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH GREEK LAW REGARDING
REGISTRATION UNDER GREEK FLAG. ACCORDING TO OSBORNE, U.S. INTERESTS
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NEVERTHELESS HAVE EFFECTIVE CONTROL. GOG ACTIVELY OPPOSES USE OF

GREEK FLAG BY FOREIGN INTERESTS AND SEEKS TO PRESERVE BENEFITS
OF GREEK SHIPPING LEGISLATION FOR GREEK NATIONALS. EMBASSY
INTERVENTION COULD THEREFORE PROVE EMBARRASSING TO WOLFKILL.
END FYI.
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